

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

March 13, 2006  
Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Randy Corman called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

RANDY CORMAN, Mayor Pro Tem; DAN CLAWSON; DENIS LAW; TERRI BRIERE, Council Past President; MARCIE PALMER; DON PERSSON. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM TONI NELSON. CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; LINDA HERZOG, Interim Assistant to the CAO; COMMANDER TIM TROXEL, Police Department.

**SPECIAL  
PRESENTATIONS**

City Clerk: Cable Television  
Franchise Renewal, Bradley  
and Guzzetta

Linda Herzog, Interim Assistant to the CAO, reported that the franchise with Comcast Cable expires in 2008, and introduced Mike Bradley of Bradley and Guzzetta who has been retained by the City to assist with the franchise renewal process. Mr. Bradley explained that cable operators are required to have a franchise with a city before they can provide cable services. He noted that cable operators occupy public rights-of-way, which is a valuable right.

Mr. Bradley stated that the cable franchise renewal process is an opportunity for the City to reflect back on the past performance of the cable operator, and to assess the community's needs. He pointed out that some of the issues the City will address are as follows: the ability to manage and to receive fees for the public rights-of-way; the ability to regulate cable rates and programming; construction; institutional networks; public educational and governmental access; and customer service standards.

Continuing, Mr. Bradley discussed the work plan, which includes reviewing the current cable franchise compliance; conducting a needs assessment; drafting a needs assessment report, franchise agreement, staff report, and request for renewal proposals (RFRP); presenting the reports to Council; issuing the RFRP; and receiving the formal renewal proposal from Comcast. In conclusion, Mr. Bradley stressed that the more the City prepares, the more successful the cable franchise renewal process will be.

In response to the inquiries of Mayor Pro Tem Corman and Councilmember Clawson, Mr. Bradley said the renewal process will take approximately one and one-half years, and the issues expected to arise during negotiations include the franchise fee, definition of gross revenue, funding for governmental and public access television, and customer service.

Councilman Law commented on the frustration in dealing with a monopoly. He noted the lengthy and expensive renewal process, and the possibility of teaming up with other jurisdictions. Responding to Councilman Law's inquiry, Ms. Herzog stated that depending on the length of the franchise renewal process, the cost of the consultant contract can range from \$58,000 to \$150,000 or more for the entire renewal process (2006-2008), with \$102,500 budgeted for 2006.

Community Services: 2006  
State Youth of the Year, Boys  
& Girls Club

Councilman Persson noted that the cable franchise fees the City receives are funding the renewal process.

Daniel Johnson, President/CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of King County, reported that last Tuesday at the Governors mansion, Governor Gregoire announced that 2006 King County Youth of the Year Kelly Barefield was selected as the 2006 State Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Clubs. He stated that Ms. Barefield competed against 20 organizations around the State, and will go on to compete at the regional level.

Mr. Johnson introduced Ms. Barefield, saying that she is a senior at Renton High School, is involved in many activities, and is a volunteer and active member of the Renton/Skyway Boys & Girls Club. Ms. Barefield described the obstacles she and her family have overcome, and she credited the Boys and Girls Club for helping her realize her self-worth and potential.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2006 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✱ The Washington State Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing on March 22nd at the Renton Senior Activity Center to receive comments on a recently issued Environmental Assessment of the planned I-405 Renton to Bellevue project, which includes safety and congestion relief improvements along I-405 from SR-169 to I-90.
- ✱ The Recreation Division's Special Olympic Basketball Teams, a total of 32 athletes, recently participated in the State tournament in Wenatchee.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Council Meeting Minutes of  
3/6/2006

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 3/6/2006. Council concur.

Development Services: The  
Landing ROW Dedications

Development Services Division recommended acceptance of right-of-way dedications for N. 6th St., N. 8th St., N. 10th St., Logan Ave. N., and Park Ave. N. for The Landing site development project, to fulfill a requirement of the Boeing Development Agreement. Council concur.

EDNSP: Urban Planning  
Consultant Roster, 2006-2009

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department requested approval of the 2006-2009 consultant roster, listing 42 firms, for urban planning and related disciplines. Council concur.

Public Works: Transportation  
Systems Director Position  
Reclassification, Deputy  
Administrator Hire at Step E

Planning/Building/Public Works Department recommended approval to reorganize the Planning/Building/Public Works Department by reclassifying the Transportation Systems Director position to Deputy Administrator - Transportation, grade m45. Approval was also sought to hire Peter Hahn as the Deputy Administrator - Transportation at Step E of the salary range, effective 3/16/2006. Refer to Finance Committee.

CAG: 03-160, 2006 Local  
Hazardous Waste Management  
Program, King County Grant

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of Amendment No. 3 to CAG-03-160, King County-Suburban City contract, accepting \$22,993.95 for Renton's 2006 Local Hazardous Waste Management Program. Council concur. (See page 65 for resolution.)

Solid Waste: 2006-2007 Waste Reduction & Recycling Grant Agreement, King County

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of the 2006-2007 Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant agreement with King County, which provides funding for Special Recycling Events, the Business Recycling Program, ReUse It! Renton, and the Natural Yard Care Program. Council concur. (See later this page for resolution.)

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Finance Committee**

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 246132 - 246576 and three wire transfers totaling \$2,751,938.80; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 62471 - 62654, one wire transfer, and 607 direct deposits totaling \$2,043,434.13. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

## **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

### **Resolution #3795**

CAG: 03-160, 2006 Local Hazardous Waste Management Program, King County Grant

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Amendment No. 3 to the Suburban City contract between King County and the City of Renton for the 2006 Local Hazardous Waste Management Program. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

### **Resolution #3796**

Solid Waste: 2006-2007 Waste Reduction & Recycling Grant Agreement, King County

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the King County Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant interlocal agreement, which provides for \$102,274 in funding to implement Special Recycling Events, a Business Recycling Program, and the Natural Yard Care Program. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 3/20/2006 for second and final reading:

Human Resources: Police & Fire Chiefs Exemption from Civil Service

An ordinance was read amending Section 3-5-2 of Chapter 5, Fire Department, and Section 3-8-2 of Chapter 8, Police Department, of Title III (Departments and Officers) of City Code by excluding the Fire Chief and Police Chief from the classified civil service program. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 3/20/2006. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading and adoption:

### **Ordinance #5197**

Vacation: Jericho Ave NE, Romano, VAC-05-005

An ordinance was read vacating a portion of Jericho Ave. NE, south of NE 4th St. (Petitioner: Mike Romano, Centurion Development Services). MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Development Services: Nuisance Ordinance, Burned-Out Buildings

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL REFER THE SUBJECT OF BURNED-OUT BUILDINGS RELATIVE TO INCLUSION IN THE NUISANCE ABATEMENT ORDINANCE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.\*

Councilman Persson stated that enforcement tools are needed to address this issue, and he identified some buildings that have remained standing for a long time after a fire took place.

\*MOTION CARRIED.

Transportation: Rainier Ave  
Southbound, Accidents at S  
2nd and 3rd Sts

Reporting that he has received complaints regarding accidents caused by vehicles on southbound Rainier Ave. turning left into businesses located between S. 2nd and S. 3rd Streets, it was MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL REFER THE SUBJECT OF LEFT TURNS SOUTHBOUND ON RAINIER AVE. BETWEEN S. 2ND AND S. 3RD STREETS TO THE ADMINISTRATION. CARRIED.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 7:46 p.m.

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Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann  
March 13, 2006